

Testimony for the QAP Hearing, Hilton Hotel in Grand Rapids.

I claim no disability, but am authorized to represent the disability community. Here are some points we would like to make:

1. We in the disability community generally support the testimony provided by the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) which you already have on file in published form.
2. We continue to have our sights set on elimination of segregated housing for persons on low income and persons with disabilities. Therefore, we request that when there are references to "project" that they be considered a project with low income tax credits applied to scattered site housing rather than to blocks of set aside units located together in a larger single site project.
3. To accommodate persons who have current disabilities and those of us who likely will develop disabilities as we age, we encourage a high percentage of units to have some form of universal design, or at least be visitable by a person with a disability.
4. We request that thirty percent of the annual tax credit authority be set-aside to develop housing for the homeless and/or special needs population
5. We request that 10% of the units in all approved projects be targeted to incomes at or below 30% area median income (AMI) for those who are homeless and/or have special needs.

Thank you.

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